

**NEWS RELEASE**

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TO: KMAS, SHELTON-MASON COUNTY JOURNAL, KITSAP SUN

RE: Update to August 10, 2009 press release – Belfair Water District Election

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Subsequent to our August 10, 2009 press release, the Mason County Auditor's office has completed an extensive review of the Belfair Water District's legal boundaries.

By statute, the Belfair Water District is required to provide the Auditor with a complete and accurate description of its geographic boundaries. As of this date, the District has not complied with this requirement. Consequently, inaccurate and incomplete information pertaining to historical annexations to the District have necessitated an intensive review and verification of voter and candidate eligibility within the District.

It has been determined that the plat of Clifton Ridge has not been annexed into the Belfair Water District. One of the candidates for the office of Belfair Water District Commissioner, Position No. 1, Gregory W. Waggett, resides within the plat of Clifton Ridge. Therefore, the County Auditor has made the determination that Mr. Waggett is not eligible to run for the position of Belfair Water Commissioner. The two remaining candidates will appear on the November General Election Ballot. Additionally, voters within the plat of Clifton Ridge will not be eligible to vote in the Belfair Water District Election.

Based on its review of the District's boundaries, the Auditor's office has ensured all eligible voters in the district has been sent ballots, and has flagged the registration of any ineligible voter to ensure their ballot is not counted. The County Auditor is confident that the integrity of the election process has been preserved, and that the final certified election results will be an honest and true reflection of the will of the voters.

All ballots must be postmarked or deposited in a ballot drop box by 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009, Election Day, to be counted.

Citizens with questions are encouraged to contact the Mason County Auditor's Office.